



OBJECT ID	1999.15.9
OBJECT NAME	Medal, Commemorative
OBJECT ENTITIES	Masters, Peter (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Bag, 1999.15.1 Photograph, 1999.15.2 Booklet, Instruction, 1999.15.3 Booklet, 1999.15.4 Decal, 1999.15.5 Decal, 1999.15.6 Patch, 1999.15.7 Fez, 1999.15.8 Button, Political, 1999.15.10 Knife, Paper, 1999.15.11 Sack, 1999.15.12 Paperweight, 1999.15.13 Medal, Commemorative, 1999.15.14 Necklace, 1999.15.15 Necklace, 1999.15.16 Necklace, 1999.15.17 Necklace, 1999.15.18 Necklace, 1999.15.19 Necklace, 1999.15.20
ACCESS POINTS	medal Peter Masters Scholastic Excellence

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Small medal that reads, "Order of AHEPA", on the front, metal portion. Along with those words, is the symbol of an eagle with a crown slightly over its head. Under the eagle is a cross with two swords pointed down, and crossed, behind the cross. Under that, is a sun burst symbol. And under and to the left of the sun burst is an olive branch. This is all set on a plain landscape. The ribbon on the medal is striped red, white, and blue. On the back of the medal, on the metal portion, it reads, "The AHEPA Medal for Scholastic Excellence".

#### ORIGIN

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) is the largest and oldest American-based, Greek heritage grassroots membership



organization. Its scope is international with chapters in the United States, Canada, Greece, and Cyprus, and "sister" chapters in Australia and New Zealand under the auspices of AHEPA Australasia.

AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922 in response to the evils of bigotry and racism that emerged in early 20th century American society. It also helped Greek immigrants assimilate into society.

Today, AHEPA brings the ideals of ancient Greece, which includes philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence to the community.

Although a majority of the membership is composed of Americans of Greek descent, application for membership is open to anyone who believes in the mission of the organization.

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#### CITATION

Medal, Commemorative, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/28/24.

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